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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Maitland et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING OLIVES

Edgewater, New Jersey 07020
May 4, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

16. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 12 and having a solids content of at most 5 wt.%.

17. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 14 and having a solids content of at most 5 wt.%.

18. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 16 containing olive particles having a particle size smaller than 50 μm .

19. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 16 containing olive particles having a particle size smaller than 20 μm .

20. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 16 containing olive particles having a particle size smaller than 5 μm .

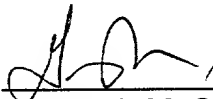
21. (Amended) A food product containing an olive oil according to claim 13.

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependencies and to correct minor typographical errors. The amendments were not intended to and should not be construed to have been made for any reasons related to patentability of the claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

16. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~ and having a solids content of at most 5 wt.%. |

17. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 14 ~~or 15~~ and having a solids content of at most 5 wt.%. |

18. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 16 ~~or 17~~ containing olive particles having a particle size smaller than 50 μm . |

19. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 16 ~~or 17~~ containing olive particles having a particle size smaller than 20 μm . |

20. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 16 ~~or 17~~ containing olive particles having a particle size smaller than 5 μm . |

21. (Amended) A food product containing an olive oil according to claim 13 ~~or 15~~. |